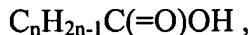


**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 28 through page 2a line 7, as follows:**

According to the present invention, the problem has been resolved by a method for preparing metal salts of unsaturated, short-chain carboxylic acids by reaction

- of metal-alcoholate compounds
- with carboxylic acids of the general formula

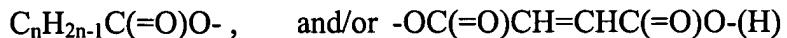


wherein the double bond is in 2- or 3-position and

n represents 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 and/or maleic acid (less desirable),

in the presence of oxygen, which is continuously fed so that its concentration in the reaction solution is at least 50 %, i.e., the reaction solution is 50% oxygen-saturated and

the metal salts have at least one group of the formula



and the following metals or mixtures thereof

Al, Si, Sn, La, Zr, Cu and/or Zn.

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**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21, as follows:**

wherein R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>3</sup> represent -CH<sub>3</sub>, -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub> or -C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>  
and n, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> may be different for each a, b, and c and  
at least one R<sup>1</sup> in M(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>c</sub> represents an alcoholate group having a C<sub>1</sub> – to C<sub>6</sub> hydrocarbons residue, in the presence of oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), which is continuously fed so that its concentration in the reaction is at least 50 % as set forth above.